



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Improvement 24/25...

Our staff and children worked really hard, once again, last year and helped our school be successful in many different ways. Whilst there is much more to a school than outcomes, we were pleased with how well our school compared to local and national averages as you can see [HERE](#).

In addition to some great outcomes, our school continued to develop exemplary practice and win awards for our provision at Yew Tree. In the last year alone, we have achieved the platinum Incyte Safeguarding award, the SEND Inclusion Award and the Gold Games Mark award as well as renewing accreditations to maintain the Music Marks award and the Green Flag Eco-Schools award. This is fantastic!

Despite our success, our school is never complacent and we constantly consider how to refine our practice and be even better still. Each year, we summarise some of our key priorities in a School Improvement Plan (SIP). Our priorities for 24/25 are available to view [HERE](#).

You will see that our priorities are focused on embedding the excellent work done by the school in supporting children with SEND (special educational needs & disabilities) as well as promoting outstanding behaviour in addition to continuing to drive positive outcomes and attendance for all.

Working together, with parents/carers, will really help us ensure that Yew Tree is the place to be!

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

We have had a great start to the year with just over 96% attendance. We can see how hard children (and families) are trying to ensure they get their stamps in their passports.

We are also pleased at how few children are arriving late. Thank you – this really supports learning.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS (TRIPS)

Educational visits (trips) are a much-valued part of our curriculum. However, as we communicated on Class Dojo earlier this week, they do rely on parents/carers being able to make payments.

Whilst school budgets do not cover the cost of trips, we have used whatever funds we can to subsidise these. This means, for example, that children eligible for Free School Meals pay a reduced amount for trips.

Unfortunately, unless we collect payments from parents/carers, trips remain at the risk of being cancelled. They simply cannot go ahead without your support!

We plan all our trips in advance and information about these was [published](#) in July. Don't forget you can pay in £1 instalments too up until the deadline.

PHOTO DAY

Our school photographer will be visiting on **WEDNESDAY 25th SEPTEMBER** for photo day. On this day, children will have individual photos taken.

If parents/carers would like sibling photos, this will take place between 8.00am – 8.30am that day. Ms Fisher will be posting further details on Class Dojo soon.

WATER BOTTLES

In line with our [Healthy School](#) expectations, we would like to remind everyone that children are only allowed to drink **plain water in class**.

They are, however, allowed to bring a separate bottle with squash/flavoured water for playtimes and lunchtimes only!

CODE OF CONDUCT

At Yew Tree, we are proud of our relationships with parents/carers. We know that positive relationships help us work together for the benefit of your children and the wider community.

In order to ensure relationships remain respectful, please do take a look at the Parents' Code of Conduct [HERE](#). We expect relationships to remain respectful at all times (inc. via online activity).

OPEN SESSIONS

Do you, or someone you know, have a child due to start school in September 2025? If so, come along to one of our open sessions for prospective parents/carers on:

Monday 23rd September at 1.30pm
or
Tuesday 1st October at 5.30pm

HARVEST

Don't forget that next Friday (20.09.24) is our Harvest Festival.

Children are invited to bring in any donations of tins, packets or non-perishable foods that you can donate. All donations will be used in our own food bank to support Yew Tree families during the year.



GOVERNOR NEWS

Following some goodbyes from our Governing Body, we are pleased to confirm that Haydn McCalla has been elected as a parent governor and Laura Chamberlain rejoins our Board as a co-opted governor.

During a meeting of our Full Governing Body on Tuesday, governors elected **Sukhvir Nagra** to the role of Chair for this year and **Kyshia Obi** to the role of Vice-Chair.

Further information about our governors, and the role they play, is available [HERE](#).

PARKING

For the safety of our children, and our neighbours, please remember to park safely and legally if using a car to drop off/pick up children from school.

The roads around the school do get busy so it is important to leave enough time in your journey to find a suitable parking place. It is not appropriate to pull up on grass verges, park on zig-zags or road markings or to block neighbours' drives.

Please remember that we are fortunate to be able to use a Council car park at the back of school (entrance via Bramley Rd) thanks to the support of Kaidrums.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
16.09.24	YR start full time from today	27.09.24	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
19.09.24	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	01.10.24	PTA AGM – 2.30pm
20.09.24	Harvest Day – please send donations	01.10.24	Open Evening – 5.30pm
23.09.24	YN start full sessions from today	02.10.24	Y5 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
23.09.24	5B starts swimming block (2 weeks)	02.10.24	Y3 trip to Outbacks to Basics
23.09.24	Open Afternoon – 1.30pm	03.10.24	School meal theme day: characters
23.09.24	Y6 Plas Gwynant payments DUE	07.10.24	5C starts swimming block (2 weeks)
25.09.24	Photo Day – individuals & siblings	09.10.24	Rags to Riches collection day
25.09.24	Y5 Black Country trip payments DUE	11.10.24	Chit Chat with Ms Melia – 9.00am
26.09.24	Y4 Frank Chapman payments DUE	15.10.24	PTA AGM – 2.30pm
27.09.24	Diversity Day – come dressed up	16.10.24	Flu immunisation day – YR – Y6